

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application.

The specification and claims 4 and 14 have each been amended herein to (i) correct minor typographical errors that occurred during translation of the above-identified application into the English language, and/or (ii) for purposes of clarity.

Thus, Example 4 has been relabeled as “Reference example 2”, since it is outside the scope of the pending claims (and later Reference example numbers have been appropriately renumbered, as have later Example numbers); and the respective terms “i-propoxide” and “t-propoxide” have been amended to read “isopropoxide” and “tert-propoxide” (inasmuch as the latter terms have identical meanings to the originally used terms (as is readily understood by those skilled in the art)).

No new matter is being introduced by the present amendments. Additionally, the scope of the pending claims has not been narrowed by the instant amendments made thereto, so that no prosecution history estoppel is created thereby.

CONCLUSION

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: July 26, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

By 

John W. Bailey

Registration No.: 32,881

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

8110 Gatehouse Road

Suite 100 East

P.O. Box 747

Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747

(703) 205-8000